

## A B S T R A C T

A SYSTEM FOR PURGING SULFATE FROM A NO<sub>X</sub> TRAP

5        This system in which the NO<sub>X</sub> trap (1) is associated  
with catalyst-forming means (2) integrated in an exhaust  
line (3) of a vehicle engine (4), and in which the engine  
is associated with common manifold or "rail" fuel feeder  
means (7, 8) for feeding it with fuel and adapted, by  
10      modifying control parameters for the operation of the  
engine, to cause the engine to switch between lean  
mixture operation (9) and rich mixture (10), is  
characterized in that the fuel feeder means (7, 8) are  
adapted to define four strategies (11, 12, 13, 14) for  
15      controlling lean mixture operation of the engine (9), and  
in that the fuel feeder means (7, 8) are adapted to cause  
the engine to switch between its various strategies in  
order to keep the trap (1) in a temperature window of  
maximum effectiveness.

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